

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 13-15, 17, 19-21, 24-27, 34-36, and 40-42 have been allowed. Claims 13, 26, and 34 are amended below to more clearly direct each claim to only one statutory class. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented - Allowed) In a computer, a method comprising the steps of:

assigning a same symbol to each of a text expansion, a program, and a function, wherein the same symbol is assigned as a shorthand entry of each of the text expansion, the program, and the function;

receiving handwritten user input;

determining that the handwritten user input represents the symbol;

determining that the handwritten user input is a sole input, wherein the sole input does not have associated with it another user input; and

based on the handwritten user input comprising the sole input, carrying out the function by generating an output.

2-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer executable instructions that when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method comprising; for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

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